

Sinclair Broadcasting's decision to force their stations to air an anti-Kerry documentary days before the election is a clear example of the misuse of publicly-owned airwaves.

Sinclair uses the public airwaves free of charge, and is obligated by law to serve the public interest. But they intend to air a program about presidential candidate John Kerry's Vietnam protest that is nothing more than political smear, without allowing equal time for opposing viewpoints in an equally visible time slot. My understanding is that this is illegal, and falls under your jurisdiction to enforce.

Please do not allow the broadcast of this politically charged movie, which amounts to an in-kind contribution to the Bush campaign. Sinclair has already contributed the maximum monetary amount allowed.

Sinclair's actions show why we need to strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them. They show why the license renewal process needs to involve more than a returned postcard. Thank you.